



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tormasov *et al.*

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For: **FAULT TOLERANT STORAGE
SYSTEM AND METHOD USING
A NETWORK OF SERVERS (as
amended)**

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(as amended)

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